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A GREAT LOSS TO CUBA

The Wreck of the Steamer Watkins,
with Filibusters Aboard.

ONLY SIX OF THE MEN WERE LOST.

The Balance Rescued by Passing Vessels.
The Watkins, which left New York at midnight, carried a big supply of arms and ammunition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—At no time since the beginning of hostilities has there been such excitement at the headquarters of the Cuban revolutionists in this city as there was yesterday when it was learned that the steamship J. W. Hawkins, which had been fitted out at great trouble and expense as a filibuster, had been wrecked off the eastern end of Long Island on Sunday night and had been abandoned by the revolutionists and the crew on Monday morning.

The news came as a thunderbolt among the leading spirits in the revolutionary camp here, for the evening papers in their late editions published a report to the effect that the steamer Hawkins had been fitted out at One Hundred and Thirty-eight street and the East river, this city, with arms and ammunition, and, if proved, was likely to get the leaders into trouble with the government.

The story was to the effect that the revolutionary party had recently purchased the steamer in Baltimore. She had been engaged in the fishing trade, and was of 125 tons net and 185 tons gross. She was commanded by Captain Hall, and her mate was C. H. Crowell. Jose C. Hernandez, one of the filibusters who arrived in this city, was credited with having called at the revolutionary headquarters and with having made a full report of the accident to the revolutionary minister Palma.

Hernandez reported to Minister Palma that the filibustering party left on the J. W. Hawkins from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and the East river at midnight on Saturday. They number about 120 men and the crew numbers sixteen. Early Monday morning rough weather was encountered and the steamer began to leak badly. Hernandez or whatever the young man's name is, who reported to Minister Palma said that there was over \$80,000 worth of arms on board the steamer he sides two Hotchkiss guns, 1,300 Remington rifles and 1,000,000 round of ammunition. The water had gained so much by Monday morning that the fires were put out in the engine room and the revolutionists helped at the pumps. Finally all the arms and ammunition, including a lot of dynamite, were thrown overboard, but even this was of no avail and the ship had to be abandoned.

In command of the revolutionary party was Calisto Garcia Iniga, and his son, Carlos Garcia, was second in command. The reports at the Cuban headquarters are conflicting as to whether every one escaped or not. It was said that Hernandez had reported that he had escaped from the sinking ship in one of the first three boats to leave her, and that the inmates of the three had been picked up by the schooner Leander V. Beebe. Later the revolutionists were transferred from the Beebe to the tug Dulziel and landed in this city.

Those not taken on board the Beebe were picked up by the schooners Helen H. Benedict, of Boston, and Elisia Crosby, of Portia, Me., and taken to Woods Hole, Mass., and Boston.

Minister Palma at first refused to see reporters, and his associates were evidently afraid to do any talking. At first everyone about headquarters denied point blank that any filibustering expedition had left here in the steamer Hawkins or any other steamer and been wrecked. A man, who refused to give his name and who was afterwards pronounced a Spanish spy, said that Hernandez had received a large sum of money from Minister Palma to assist those of the stranded filibusters who might be in need.

It was not until 7 o'clock last night that about a score of newspaper men succeeded in getting an interview or statement from Minister Palma personally. He said that in his official capacity he knew absolutely nothing about the alleged filibustering expedition. He declined to say anything about the wreck of the Hawkins, but admitted that he had received a dispatch from Boston. He also admitted that a young man had called upon him who was in need of financial assistance, and that he had given money to him. What his name was or what he wanted the money for Minister Palma would not state.

"Gentlemen," said he, becoming excited, "you surely can't expect me to tell you all that I know or may have heard. I have told you all that has come to my official knowledge, but about this filibustering business I know nothing. You don't want me to say I am a filibuster, do you? Well, I can't say any more. We have nothing to do with filibustering here."

The World publishes a statement from Jose C. Hernandez in which he declares that six men were drowned while getting into the last two boats. He says the vessel left the city at midnight on Saturday

OUR COAST DEFENSES.

It Will Cost Eighty Millions to Put Them in Proper Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, before the committee on coast defenses yesterday, made a statement of the condition of the coast defenses on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and Gulf of Mexico. He stated that the guns now mounted at Savannah, Charleston and other ports are smooth bores of obsolete patterns and useless, and are mounted on rotten carriages. The only places where provision has been made for any considerable defense are New York, San Francisco and Boston, and defenses at these places are entirely inadequate and insufficient. He said that our cities are open to attack by any country having a large navy, and that it would take years to create the necessary armament. He estimated that the entire cost of coast defenses for adequate protection of the country would be about \$80,000,000 for fortifications and guns.

St. Paul Still Held Fast.

LONG BRANCH, Jan. 29.—The first real effort to float the St. Paul will commence about midnight tonight. At or about that hour the strain on the kedge anchors will be increased every pound the cables can stand. The tugs will haul on the other ends of the kedge lines, and will aid in every way. The spring tide will occur at 2:30 a. m., and it is then the wreckers hope to see the St. Paul float off. There is now about seven feet of sand about the ship. The wreckers say the St. Paul is as secure as if she was in a dry dock, and has not sustained the slightest damage. In case the big ship does not float in the morning there is considerable doubt as to when she will shoot clear of the sand.

A Professional Suburban Burglar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Andrew J. Anderson, the prisoner held at police headquarters for robbing the houses of James L. Kornochan, in Hempstead, L. I., and of J. F. Oakes, in Manhasset, is believed by Acting Captain O'Brien, to be a professional suburban burglar. The detectives have not been able as yet to fix upon him the guilt of these two crimes, but they are confident they will succeed before long. He is a Chicago criminal, and the police of that city have been notified of his capture here. The detectives say he has probably been of that rare class of expert criminals who do nothing in the cities, where the police are expert and vigilant, but systematically rob country houses.

How Italians Thrive.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—It came out in a suit for damages against a speedway contractor that Constantine Marro got \$1,50 a day, lived on twenty-five cents a day, and saved \$300 a year, which he sent to his mother and sisters in Italy. Marro was killed by a blast in an excavation.

Thurston Versus Gresham.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—"Lorin A. Thurston begged Secretary Gresham not to forward his letter of recall to Honolulu," said K. Landis, who was the private secretary of the dead secretary of state. Mr. Landis returned to Chicago yesterday. He had received the charges of Mr. Thurston against Mr. Gresham and Mr. Cleveland. "Long prior to the recall of Thurston," he continued, "it was known that he was maintaining in the Hawaiian legation at Washington a press bureau, the object of which was to secure the publication of matter abusive to the administration. Some of this came from Mr. Hatch, who is now the minister to this country. As I understand it, Hatch himself prepared the matter, and it was forwarded to Thurston."

Republicans Checked by Populists.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Republican senators who have already placed Senator Frye in nomination for speaker pro tem. had told their plans to attempt his election today, but they were frustrated by the opposition of the Populists, who insist that when the election takes place it shall be for all the elective officers of the senate, and not for any one in advance of the others. The Republicans will hold a caucus tomorrow in case the senate adjourns in time, and will then decide whether or not they will attempt to secure all the elective offices.

Abject Misery in New Zealand.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 29.—The abject misery of the people cannot be expressed. Hundreds are starving and without fuel, while severe snow storms are raging. The authorities appear to be powerless to afford relief. The unemployed are quiet, but it is feared that they will not remain peaceful much longer. A petition for work is being numerously signed. It is reported that the governor is preparing a scheme which will provide employment within the next week.

The Draytons Reconciled.

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that Mrs. William Astor, Mrs. Coleman Drayton's mother, has effected a reconciliation between her and her husband. The estrangement between J. Coleman Drayton and his wife has existed for three years, and was due to a suspicion of improper behavior of Mrs. Drayton with H. Allsop Borrow, with whom Mr. Drayton sought to fight a duel in France.

A Discredited Report.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 28.—There is a rumor here that Russia is arranging with the sultan for the occupation of Armenia, but it is not confirmed by any discoverable signs and is discredited in diplomatic circles.

Death List Numbers Fifty-six.

CARDIFF, Wales, Jan. 29.—The exploration of the coal mine near Tylorstown, which was wrecked on Monday, has been completed, and it is found that the total number of killed amounts to fifty-six.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

The Iowa legislature is flooded with petitions asking that the age of consent be raised.

The numerous electric railroads in northern Ohio are causing reduced fares on the steam roads.

General Alfred Baker Smith, well known as a soldier and lawyer, dropped dead while leading a prayer meeting in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last night.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal leader in the British parliament, has issued a summons to his followers to meet at the opening of parliament.

Colonel A. T. Harris, for years a leading character in Republican politics in Georgia, died yesterday at Atlanta. When Georgia was under military rule he reorganized the legislature.

Baltimore's New British Consul.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Mr. Gilbert Frazer,

who since April 11, 1891, has been British consul at this port, left this city today for Baltimore to make all necessary arrangements prior to his taking charge of the British consulate there.

Fraudulent Bankers Indicted.

WAUKON, Ia., Jan. 29.—The grand jury

found three indictments against B. F. Boomer, of the old Waukon bank, for fraudulent banking, and also three indictments against his son, Allan, on the same

THE CONFLICT IN CUBA.

Maceo Said to be Unable to Advance or Retreat

AND GOMEZ UNABLE TO AID HIM

But Spanish Troops Seem Unable to Force That "Decisive Engagement" Which They Are Constantly Declaring Is "Imminent." Minor Skirmishes Going On Continually.

HAVANA, Jan. 29.—General Maceo's position continues to be regarded here as critical, and it is considered certain that Gomez's attempt to march west is for the purpose of succoring him. Spanish columns pursue Gomez closely and harass his forces, compelling them to fight daily, and it is claimed here that they are becoming demoralized. Grave reports are circulated of Gomez's sickness, and this, combined with the stores which men attempt to carry, is said to make their advance slower than it would otherwise be.

The leaders Cayito and Alvarez are operating in Santa Clara and Laeret, in Matanzas, their policy being to threaten small towns and keep the country stirred up as much as possible and thus make it necessary to lessen the forces that can operate against Maceo and Gomez. It is not admitted that this policy has been very successful.

Gomez's and Maceo's men are mostly residents of Santiago de Cuba province. They are unfamiliar with the western country and they do not dare to disband and go among the people, thus making themselves known as individuals. As it is, they are recognized wherever they go, which is claimed as a great advantage to the government.

Gomez and Maceo are said to be short of ammunition, as they cannot receive fresh supplies by land. They are eagerly expecting an expedition to land on the coast and bring them supplies. But the coast is being closely watched by cruisers, which have landed detachments at various points.

The insurgents have fired upon a pilot train between Union and San Felipe, south of Havana. The train's escort returned the fire, killing five of the insurgents. But the latter compelled the engineer to open the engine's throttle valve, and the train was run wild into San Felipe station and the engine destroyed.

General Godoy, at the plantation of Olaliba, has had a skirmish with the insurgent bands commanded by Rohan, Guyito, Alvarez and Nanez. The insurgent loss was five killed and nineteen wounded, and the troops captured a quantity of arms, ammunition and mail matter. Nine Spanish soldiers were wounded.

Captain Gonzales, at the head of a small detachment of Spanish troops, on Sunday last was attacked by an insurgent force commanded by Laeret, Clotilde and Garcia at the mountain farm of La Cama. The Spaniards were compelled to retreat with the loss of five killed and eleven wounded. The insurgent loss is unknown.

The government has appointed numerous army officers to serve as mayors of towns in place of the civil officials, as it is said they inspire more confidence.

The government claims to be expecting news of important successes from Pinar del Rio province.

The news of the loss of the filibustering steamer Hawkins was received here with immense satisfaction.

A Burglar "Removes Temptation."

WELL FLEET, Neb., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Jane Houston, bank president's wife, lost diamonds and other jewelry Monday night valued at \$50,000. Mort Green, whom the authorities were shadowing as a dangerous suspect, dropped into the Free Methodist revival meeting just in time to hear Mrs. Houston explaining, in giving her "experience," that she had just discarded her diamonds and other jewelry, since she thought it ungodly to wear them. She said she left all of her finery on her dresser. Green, it is said, left the church, broke into the Houston residence and found that she had told the truth. He took everything in sight, and left a note saying he was glad he could remove temptation from the good woman.

Bannock Indians Restless.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Jan. 29.—The Bannock Indians are in a very restless and angry mood, and on Monday, during the trial of their notorious leader, Jim Ballard, and four others, at Blackfoot, for perpetrating a riot against Indian Agent Teter, they sent word to the Indian school at Ross Fork that they were going to fight as soon as they were set at liberty. This news instantly caused a stampede of the Indian scholars, composed mostly of girls, and they fled like wild cattle in all directions. The Indian police are hunting for them.

Bound, Caged and Robbed.

CANTON, O., Jan. 29.—Maggie Reese was found in her room yesterday bound and gagged, lying on the floor in her night robes. She had been awakened during the night by some one in her room, and when she attempted to get up, was overcome, after a struggle. Her pocketbook was rifled and \$80 taken. She attracted the attention of the people of the household by rapping on the floor with her feet, which were tied together.

Another Report Denied.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—It is semi-officially announced that there is no truth in the dispatch published by The Daily News yesterday from Vienna saying that news from Constantinople and Sebastopol showed that Russia has a fleet lying off Sebastopol and Odessa, and that her Caucasian armies are being concentrated on the Armenian frontier in readiness to move next spring for the purpose of partitioning Turkey between the powers.

Illinois Republicans Favor McKinley.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Jan. 29.—The Republican "love feast" held in Representatives' Hall yesterday was very largely attended, about 200 Republicans being present. Though no resolutions of any character were adopted, the meeting was prominently in favor of McKinley.

Maryland's Next Treasurer.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 29.—The Republican members of the legislature, in caucus last night, nominated Thomas J. Shryock of Baltimore, for state treasurer. Mr. Shryock's nomination was practically unanimous, as he received sixty-two votes on the first ballot as against fourteen for his opponents. Messrs. Brigham and Shaw, the successful candidates in Number one and Number two districts, and John K. Cowen, elected president of the road.

Plunged to Death with His Engine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—At the North Pacific Coast Railway company's wharf at Sausalito, while an engine and tender were being put on board the ferry the engine and tender plunged into the water. Engineer Turner went down with his engine and was either drowned or died of drowning. Fireman Williams escaped with serious injuries.

Nominated by Governor Griggs.

TRENTON, Jan. 29.—Governor Griggs has nominated Lewis Starr, of Woodbury, to be the prosecutor of the pleas for Gloucester county, taking the place of Belmont Perry, who has held the office for the past fifteen years.

EXPRESS ROBBERS CAUGHT.

One of Them the Trusted Agent Who Was "Held Up."

DENVER, Jan. 29.—Pinkerton detectives have arrested Express Agent Krout, of Colorado Springs, on the charge of being implicated in the theft of \$35,000 from the Wells-Fargo company about six months ago. His father, who recently came to Colorado Springs, was also arrested on a train at Watsonburg as he was leaving the state, and about \$1,000 was found sewed up in his clothing.

The robbery occurred on the night of Nov. 11 at the Santa Fe depot in Colorado Springs, just after the night train pulled out south. George Krout, the agent, said that two men had overpowered him in his office and taken two packages consigned from Denver banks, which contained \$35,000, overlooking another package containing \$15,000.

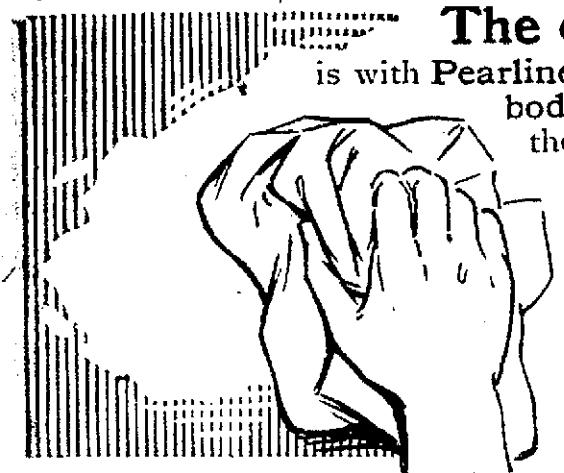
As Mr. Krout had been in the employ of the Wells-Fargo Express company for a number of years, suspicion did not at first point to him. He told a very plausible story, and it was believed, in spite of the fact that the robbery was reported by him to have taken place when the station platform was full of people. He said the robbers hid in the office while he was looking after the express matter that came off the train, and two masked men faced him when he entered. They closed the door and locked it, made him deliver the money, and at the muzzle of a pistol ordered him to get into bed and cover up his head.

There was a cot in the office and the agent said he did as the robbers bid him, but he gave the alarm as soon as they were off.

Krout's father, a farmer, came to Colorado Springs from Cerro Gordo, Ills., on Jan. 21. His actions excited suspicion, and he was constantly shadowed. On Monday he was arrested at Watsonburg, and yesterday he was taken back to the springs. He protested that his name was Sam Jones, and that he knew nothing about the express robbery.

Arguing the Stanford Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Argument was begun in the supreme court yesterday in the case of the United States vs. Mrs. Jane L. Stanford widow and executrix of the last will of the late Leland Stanford, in the suit of the government to recover from the Stanford estate Mr. Stanford's proportion of alleged individual liability for bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad company. Over \$15,000,000 is involved. The suit comes to the supreme court on appeal from the decision of the circuit court of appeals, where the decision was favorable to Mrs. Stanford. The argument for the government was begun by Assistant Attorney General Dickinson M. Cheate followed in Mrs. Stanford's behalf.



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HOUSES OF GLASS.

Some people I know have curious ways. They will censure most all of mankind. They'll hunt for the flaws in their neighbors' next door. To their own they seem rather blind. There's many a man gone wrong in this world. Through troubles abroad or at home. So don't push them down with a kick or a frown. But give them a chance to atone.

You've all heard the story 'bout houses of glass. So often you've picked up your stone. Before you have shattered that cottage next door,

just take a look at your own.

I read a small piece in the paper today Which caused me to ponder a while—think How a poor boy had fallen a victim to crime. White en-losed by that dread demon, drink. Ten years you must serve," said the judge on the bench.

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—Walter Fletcher in New York Herald.

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PUBLIC VOICE.

A Heavy Taxpayer Argues Against Changing the City Election from spring to Fall.

EDITORS ARGUE: Through your columns permit me to antagonize the theory advocated by some of our city papers with reference to a single fall election.

To hold our city elections at the time of holding our general elections would not be advisable or judicious, and I very much doubt the economy of such a rule.

Our government should be administered by honest and competent officials and such can only be selected by the most careful and judicious management on the part of the people, and the prudence and care necessary cannot be exercised by the people at the time of holding general elections. Our city matters would be neglected and many incompetent nominees would be elected to office by reason of the greater importance of national issues, and blunders and mistakes would be more prevalent, which eventually would be a burden to the taxpayers and instead of saving \$2,500 to the taxpayers it might easily cost them ten times that amount. It would be an arbitrary principle to establish such a rule without the consent of our people.

And if think another suggestion to our Common Council might not be out of place. It would be a mistake to rent rooms for our city officials for a term of years to the prejudice and exclusion of a city hall, which would be evidence of out thrift and prosperity as a city. If we wish to remain as we are and as we have been since our organization as a city and lose all pride for our advancement and success, and to lower us in the estimation of others, then we will rent rooms for the accommodation of our officials in lieu of erecting a city hall.

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W. M. CLARK, School Com. To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Kaufman, Teachers of the Public School at Otisville, Orange Co., New York.

We, the undersigned residents of Otisville, feeling interested in the welfare and good repute of the public school in this village, of which you have had charge for nearly five years, take this occasion to assure you of our full and unimpaired confidence in your abilities as teachers and to thank you for the zeal, fidelity and efficiency with which you have discharged the responsible and difficult duties of your positions.

OTISVILLE, Jan. 27, 1896.—The foregoing testimonial speaks for itself. It has been signed by 187 of our people, who are glad of this opportunity to express their appreciation of the work done in our school for the past few years. Among those who signed this testimonial are three-fourths of the taxpayers and heads of families, while four are graduates of the school and teachers.

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Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

OTISVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1896. Willard M. Clark, Commissioner, Middletown, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly give us the standing of our school and your opinion of the efficiency of Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman, our teachers, as these matters are known to you officially.

Yours Respectfully,
G. EMMET WEBSTER,
W. D. NORRIS,
JOHN PIERSON.
Trustees.

MIDDLETON, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1896
To the Board of Trustees, School Dist.
No. 2, Town of Mount Hope, Orange, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter received, Jan. 24th, requesting my opinion of Mr. W. P. Kaufman, your teacher, both as a teacher and disciplinarian. I am pleased to be able to say that

although I have visited his school several times during his term of service with you, and always without the knowledge of my coming, I always found the school in exceptionally good shape in both departments. I consider it one of the best conducted schools of that grade in the Second Com. Dist. of Orange Co. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman have done a great deal of hard work to advance their pupils, and have shown very pleasing results.

A number of their pupils have remained as we are and as we have been since our organization as a city and lose all pride for our advancement and success, and to lower us in the estimation of others, then we will rent rooms for the accommodation of our officials in lieu of erecting a city hall.

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IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

Foreign Affairs and Finance Discussed in the Upper Body.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Foreign affairs and finance occupied the attention of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Thurston, of Nebraska, vigorously upheld a strong application of the Monroe doctrine, and was at times warmly applauded for the patriotic ring of his sentiments. Senator Turp, of Indiana, touched on the Turkish atrocities in a brief and very energetic speech, in which he declared that the resolution just passed by congress should be followed by a blow, a shot, which should crash through the sultan's seraglio, sweeping back Mohammedanism and advancing Christianity.

Mr. Voorhees, of Indiana, who was until recently chairman of the finance committee, spoke in advocacy of the remonetization of silver, and sharply arraigned those responsible for the elimination of silver from the coinage. Mr. Gray, of Delaware, urged the advantage of a gold standard, and Mr. Clark, of Wyoming, spoke in favor of silver coinage.

Another effort was made by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, in charge of the silver bond bill, to have the vote fixed for tomorrow.

A fruitless discussion of the resolution to inquire into the arrest of Eugene V. Debs occurred during the day, but action was deferred.

The session of the house was brief. Contrary to general expectation the diplomatic and naval appropriation bill precipitated no discussion whatever. None of the foreign complications were even mentioned, and the bill was passed in less than an hour. The appropriations carried by the bill are about \$100,000 in excess of those appropriated for the current fiscal year.

May Cancel This Year's G. A. R. Meeting.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Commander J. N. Walker said, after he had been informed that the Western Passengers association would not grant the asked for extension on the tickers: "Well, that simply lets St. Paul out of it. The entire matter will now be reopened and another city selected for the encampment." When informed that the other roads had declared that they would not grant terms more favorable than those already made by the western lines Commander Walker replied: "Then there will be no G. A. R. encampment this year. We must have thirty day ticket, or we will not have any encampment."

For Issuing Fraudulent Receipts.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 29.—The grand jury returned a true bill against Philip Watson, the bookkeeper of the Belle of Nelson Distilling company and the Bartley-Johnson company, for complicity in issuing duplicate warehouse receipts to the amount of \$14,000. Watson had complete charge of the books of the wrecked company. When arrested he protested his innocence of any complicity in the crime. The latest report concerning Mr. David Bartley, the partner who disappeared the day before the firm's assignment, is that he is now in Mexico. He has written from there, and is said to have assumed all responsibility for the issuance of the receipts.

Charred Body in the Rain.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 29.—The charred body of William Miller, the aged night watchman at the Champion Blower and Forge works, destroyed by fire on Saturday night, was found lying among the debris of the building by workmen who had been searching the ruin for two days. It had been burned to a crisp, and lay a hundred feet from the point where the fire is supposed to have started.

Died from the Burns.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 29.—Bethia Mowery, the 15-year-old girl who was horribly burned at Strasburg on Monday by her clothes catching on fire from a stove, died yesterday.

Every year sees a development in the manufacturing interests, and it has spread toward the west and south.

The Southern Aurora.

On Feb. 1, in latitude 66 degrees, longitude 172 degrees 31 minutes, we ran into open water again, having this time spent only six days in the ice pack. On the 17th the aurora appeared, stronger than I ever saw it in the north. It rose from the southwest, stretching in a broad stream up toward the zenith and down again toward the eastern horizon. The phenomenon this time had quite a different appearance from what we saw on Oct. 20. It now presented long shining curtains rising and falling in wonderful shapes and shades, sometimes seemingly close down to our mastheads. It evidently exerted considerable influence upon the magnetic needle of our compass.—C. E. Borchgrevink in Corcoran.

Farmers' Almanac.

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that greatest raw food, is a wonderful creator of new flesh and nerve tissue, is indispensable in the treatment of this malady, as it gives strength to the patient with the least effort on the part of the digestive organs, and in addition, being itself a germicide, it antidotes the existing microbes of the disease. The ease with which it can be taken when the lesions of the throat preclude the use of other foods, makes it an additional necessity for the sufferer's recovery.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1896

What is going to happen now? The President is again after ducks.

Venezuelan women have agreed to boycott English goods and have thus given the situation a more warlike aspect. The nation of shopkeepers can stand everything but the loss of trade.

Gov. Morton signed, yesterday, the bill transferring New York city's insane to State care. This means an addition of over \$1,300,000 annually to the tax levy of the State and completes the bungling of the rural counties, which began when their Senators and Assemblymen were induced to pass the State care act under the dishonest plea that it would save the rural counties money, since New York and Brooklyn, which would continue to maintain their own insane, would have to pay more than half the cost of supporting those of the other counties.

Samuel Utermeyer, counsel for the Brewers' Association, raised a constitutional question in regard to the Raines excise bill, yesterday, which causes the author of the bill and its friends much uneasiness. The point that he makes is that the bill violates a fundamental principle in taxation by charging \$800 in one portion of the State and only \$100 in another for doing the same business. There is no question of the right of a town or a city, when it is the sole beneficiary of the tax, to fix license fees at any figure thought necessary or proper, but many decisions of the Court of Appeals hold that taxes for State purposes must be uniform throughout the State. The courts have also held that one section or district cannot be arbitrarily required to pay for benefits conferred upon others that pay no portion of the burden.

State Hospital Nurses Annoyed on the Streets.

The Conglomerate says that State Hospital nurses, while on their way back to the institution at night, have been annoyed on West Main street and Monhagen avenue by an unknown man, who insisted on walking with them. Watchman Seegstacken and some of the male attendants have watched for the fellow, but he did not appear while they were around.

A SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wickham celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wickham, now residents of New Hampton, were united in marriage in Goshen by the late Rev. Dr. Scodgrass.

The anniversary of the event was properly celebrated, last evening, by Mr. and Mrs. Wickham who entertained about 150 of their friends.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with palms, smilax, carnations and American Beauty roses.

Berg's orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion, and after an elegant supper, gotten up under the personal supervision of Mrs. Wickham, had been disposed of, dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

A large number of guests were present from New York, and some from Goshen and Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickham were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents.

Baptized in Grace Church

Rector David Evans, of Grace Church, baptized seven children, this morning. They were DeWitt, William, Bertha, Edward and Elizabeth, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards, and Frank and Beatrice, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Green.

A.C.E. Sociable.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational Church held a pleasant and well attended sociable, last night, at the home of Miss Carrie Pierce, No. 111 Academy avenue.

"I am an old soldier of the Rebellion. A year ago I was in bed all winter with chronic rheumatism. Three doctors failed to give me relief. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters put me on my feet. It is worth its weight in gold." W. B. KNAIP, Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Mich.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

DEATH OF "UNCLE SIM" FAULKNER

Mechanictown's Colored Centenarian Passes Peacefully Away—Was 103 Years Old by His Own Reckoning, Though Others Made Him Older—Born in Slavery But Freed in Childhood.

Uncle Simeon Faulkner, the colored centenarian, died, at 5:30 o'clock this morning, at his home near Mechanictown. The old man had been bed-ridden for several months, and was tenderly cared for by his "good white friends," as he was pleased to call the kindly residents of the vicinity of his home, who for several years looked after his wants.

The end came peacefully, and the old man passed away as if falling into a quiet slumber.

He was bright and cheerful last evening, but realized that his end was near, and he remarked to a young colored man, Fred Prior, who sat up with him, that he knew he would never rise again and would soon be in a better home.

According to his own reckoning, "Uncle Sim," as he was familiarly known, would have celebrated his 103d birthday on April 8:0, but there are people who claim that he is several years older than that. Captain Joe Johnson insists that Simeon was 127 years old, that he had known him for more than fifty-four years, and that he was a very old, gray headed man when he first met him.

"Uncle Sim" was born in Orange county. His parents were slaves, but were freed in 1797 when the Manumission Act was passed. Simeon was then a child, and was taken care of by his former owners, a family named Faulkner, at near Florida in the town of Warwick. He lived with the family through three or four generations in various parts of the county, until they all died or were scattered.

Simeon, after the death of his benefactors, lived alone, doing all his cooking and other household work and his sewing besides.

He was never married, and frequently said that he preferred to live alone to suffering the annoyance of having a wife and children about him.

Up to about a year ago the aged man was in full possession of all his mental faculties. He was fully six feet tall and as straight as an arrow, and barring a little stiffness in one leg and one arm, the result of a paralytic stroke, he was as active as most men are at sixty. He never wore glasses and could thread a needle without difficulty.

An ARGUS reporter had an interesting interview with the old man several years ago, in which he stated that he attributed his long life and the preservation of his physical powers and mental faculties to his regular habits, industry, and plain but wholesome living. "But," he added, "I always did like a drop of good liquor, for I think a little now and then is good for me."

He lived in dread of the poor house, and when asked what would become of him if he should become helpless, replied:

"Well, I hope my good white friends won't let poor old Simeon go to the poor house. I don't want to die there. They took me there when I had paralysis, and I don't want any more of it. I hope the good God and my good white friends won't let me be taken to the poor house to die."

His "good white friends" respected his wishes, and but for them he would have gone to the poor house several years ago.

The old man was proud of the fact that he voted for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876.

The funeral will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, at Dewsnap's Hall, Mechanictown. The interment will be on Friday, and probably in Philipsburg Cemetery.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken at this season, will make you feel strong and vigorous and keep you from sickness later on.

Successful operations by surgeons are reported and published to the surgeon's credit, and it is also a benefit to the public to know of his skill. In this way Drs. Jones and Potter and their ability to cure rupture have become familiar to the public. Russell House, Thursday.



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has given me strength and appetite after a year's suffering with dyspepsia and my liver. I am now well and able to do any kind of work." IDA M. ROSENBERG, Armenia Union, N.Y. \$1; six for \$5.
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BY UNITED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Four tugs pulled at the St. Paul for four and a half hours, this morning. It is said at Long Branch that they failed to move the big ship, but at the offices of the American line here it is said she was moved twenty feet.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN FALLS FROM A TRAIN

BY UNITED PRESS.

GALVA, Illa. Jan. 29.—John L. Sullivan fell from the rear end of a train going thirty miles an hour, between Galva and Lafayette, this morning. It is thought he was not seriously hurt.

PRISON COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMED

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—The Senate, today, confirmed the nominations of the members of the Prison Commission, one of whom is Charles J. Boyd, of Middletown.

REV. DR. BEATTIE TO TAKE A REST

WARNED BY HIS PHYSICIAN THAT IT IS

NCESSARY—GENEROUS FRIENDS IN HIS

CONGREGATION WILL MAKE READING

EASY AND PLEASANT.

Rev. Dr. Charles Beattie has been told by his physician that the sudden loss of memory, from which he suffered Sunday night, when he was unable to recall a word or a thought of the sermon he prepared is a warning that he must not disregard aid that he must take a rest of several months or run the risk of breaking down entirely.

Learning of this, a number of the members of Dr. Beattie's church met last night, at the office of Mr. George H. Decker, and it was decided that Dr. Beattie should take a few months' rest, that a purse should be raised large enough to enable him to spend much of the time in travel, that his salary should be continued and a minister engaged to supply the pulpit during his absence.

This morning the session of the church voted to give Dr. Beattie a vacation of three months, with salary, and \$350 has been contributed to the purse that is being raised for him.

Funer. of Mrs. Speciman.

The funeral of Mrs. Catharine Speciman was held at St. Joseph's Church, at 11 a.m., to-day. The church was crowded.

A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Father O'Clancy, assisted by Father Sally, of Port Jervis, as deacon, and Father O'Hanlon.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 15 North street, Middletown, N.Y.

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29, '96 Yesterday To-day Close Close

Sugar.	103 1/2	103 1/4
A. T. & S. F.	15 1/2	15 1/4
J. B. & O.	77 1/2	77 1/4
Chicago Gas.	65 1/2	64 1/4
D. L. & W.	125	124 1/4
Dis. & Cat. F.	15 1/2	15 1/4
Kris.	18	18
Central Electric.	27 1/2	27 1/4
L. & N. W.	46 1/2	46 1/4
L. S.	143 1/2	144 1/4
M. P.	26	25 1/4
N. Y. & N. E.	97 1/2	98
N. Y. C.	23 1/2	20 1/4
Susquehanna & Western.	10 1/2	11
Susquehanna & West. Div.	29 1/2	30
O. & W.	15	15 1/4
Manhattan.	104 1/2	105 1/4
Southern Ry.	9 1/2	10 1/4
P. & R.	12 1/2	12 1/4
R. I. & St. P.	18 1/2	18 1/4
U. P.	72 1/2	71 1/4
W. Union.	84 1/2	84 1/4
Nat. Lead.	25 1/2	25 1/4
May Wheat.	63 1/2	64 1/4
May Corn.	20 1/2	20 1/4
May Oats.	20 1/2	20 1/4
May Pork.	10 62	10 62
May Lard.	6 95	6 95

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Our lines of White Goods at 5, 6, 8, 10, 12½ are far below value.

Our Remnant Counter is full of bargains—all kinds of goods.

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69 NORTH ST.

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To close up the month of January as the largest on record, we will offer the following and many other bargains. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will sell

One case Shirting Cambrics at 3½c a yard, 50 pieces Plaid Toweling at 3c a yard, 50 doz Men's Grey Mixed 10c Hose at 6c a pair, 25 doz Ladies' Fast Black 12½c Hose at 7c a pair, 3 ten cent Cotton Batts for 19c, 50 Satin Pillows, 2½c grade, at 17c each, one lot of Ottomans, 48c grade, at 29c each, one case each of White or Grey 10-4 Blankets at 23c each.

A Sick Teacher—The Second Degree Cottage Prayer Meetings—Gone to Orange Farm—Rode over 3,000 miles—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

Miss Sarah W. Houston, who has charge of the primary department in the Goshen public school, is confined to her home, at Flordale, by a severe bronchial cold. Miss Alice F. White has taken Miss Houston's place.

Clark & May are building a large addition to their Greenwich street market.

Three candidates received the second degree at last night's meeting of Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The cottage meetings will be held, this evening, at Mrs. Wright's, on Church street, and Mr. Morgan's, on Main street.

William Harris, for many years employed at Fletcher's meat market, and for some time crippled by an affection of the foot and leg, has gone to Orange Farm for surgical treatment.

The cyclometer on Dr. D. T. Condit's bicycle shows that he wheeled over 3,000 miles in 1895.

The Good Templars will install officers next Saturday evening.

The Board of Education held a regular meeting, last night.

THE COLUMBIA PRINT WORKS
Running Twelve Hours a Day With an Increased Force.

Business is booming at the Columbia Print Works. The factory is now running on twelve hours' time. A number of new hands have recently been taken on, but still the establishment can not keep up with its orders. The printing of silk ribbons, commenced a year or two ago, has become a very important feature of the business.

The latest thing introduced by the Superintendent, Mr. Hutchinson, is the plaiting of patterns upon the warp of silk goods before weaving.

This, like many other inventions of recent years, would have been regarded as an impossibility not many years ago.

The Columbia Print Works is one of Middletown's most reliable industries. It never sits down and is constantly increasing the volume of its output and the number of its employees.

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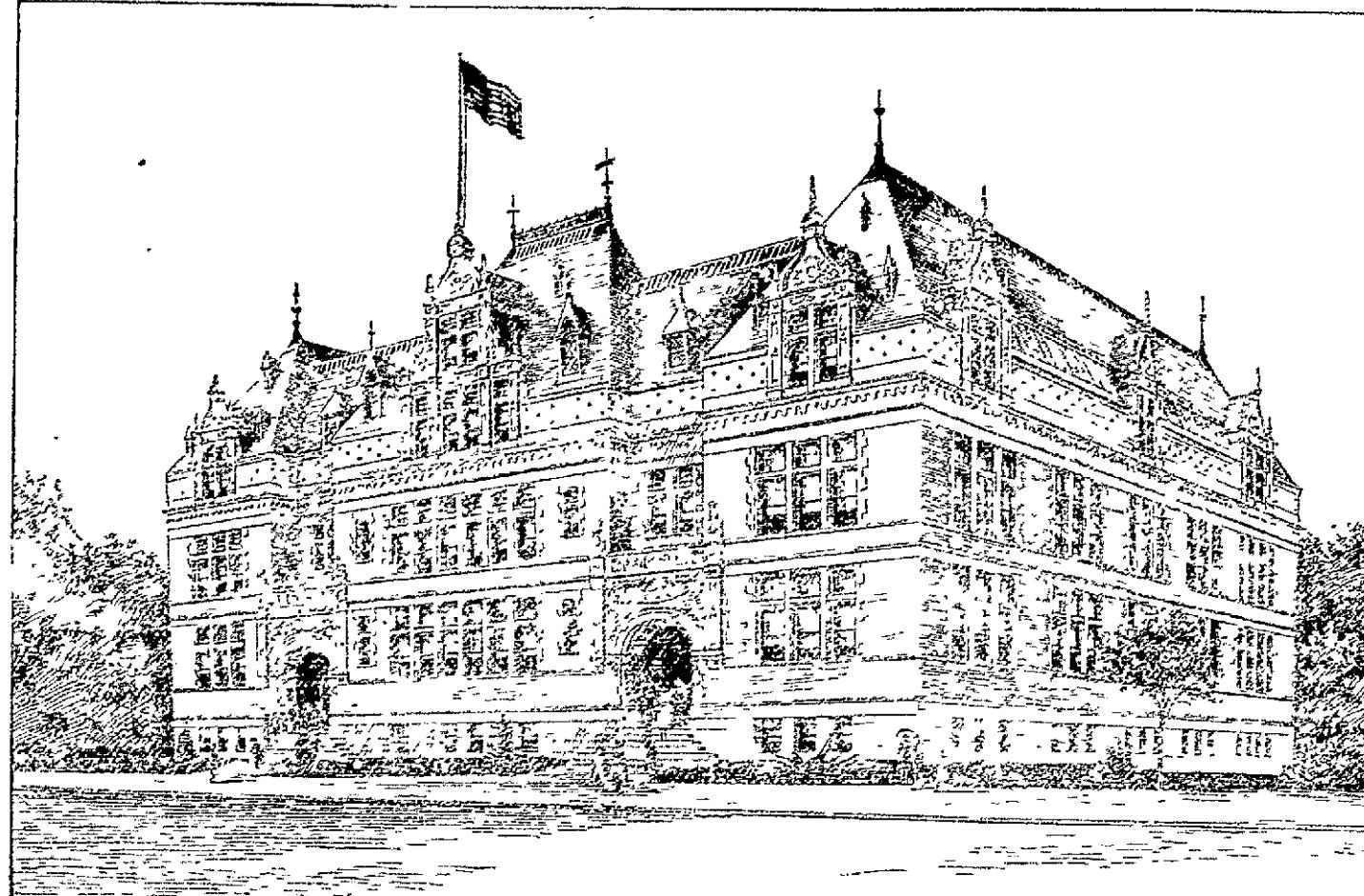
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THE NEW ACADEMY.

THE ARGUS.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1896

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29—Fair to night and Thursday; slightly warmer Thursday; variable winds becoming soutwesterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:

7 a. m., 18°; 12 m., 42°; 3 p. m., 47°.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Good shoes a half price at Chas. D. Hauford's.

Three days' special sale at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.

Wanted to act as collector.

Young girl wanted.

Many kinds of goods cheap at H. F. Church & Co.'s.

Special sale of trunks at C. E. Velle's.

Application for naturalization.

See jury list on third page.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

McQoid's social, to-night.

Additional local matter will be found on the third page.

McQuoid Engine Co. will hold a social at the engine house, this evening.

"White Crook" at the Casino, next Monday evening.

Don't forget "My Uncle" at the Casino, next Friday evening.

The Schubert Club has secured Miss Geraldine Morgan, violinist, for its next concert, Feb. 20th.

The pastors of the Honesdale churches have arranged to engage Ms. George Hilton to conduct a series of revival meetings.

Names for socials must be pretty nearly exhausted, when an indigo social was held in Newburgh. It must have been a blue affair.

Sam T. Jack's "My Uncle" Company at the Casino, Friday night.

"White Crook" at the Casino, next Monday night.

The Norwich Sun says that within the last few days so many well known persons in that village have died or been taken seriously ill that it seems as if a scourge had come upon the community.

PERSONAL.

Miss Alicia M. Nelson, of Middletown, spent Sunday with friends in this place.—Port Jervis Gazette.

Mr. Fish Launt, of Walton, was calling upon his old friends in town, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Runyon and child will start, to-morrow, for San Francisco. They expect to be absent three months.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Hardenburgh, of Middletown, spent Sunday in town with the doctor's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hardenburgh.—Port Jervis Gazette.

George Rider, one of Norwich's most prominent citizens, died, yesterday morning, of pneumonia, after a week's illness.

Mr. Benjamin Gale, a very old and well known citizen of the town of Goshen, is very sick with pneumonia at his home near the Gate school house.

Mr. James Brounlee Sanford, a son of Prof. H. R. Sanford, formerly superintendent of the schools of this city, has become editor and proprietor of the *Gulf Messenger*, a very interesting and handsomely printed magazine published at San Antonio, Tex.

John Stickroth, an eastern division brakeman on the Erie, died at his home in Port Jervis, yesterday, of typhoid pneumonia, aged twenty-nine years. He is survived by his wife and a child three years old.

Mr. Egbert S. Puff started, last night, on Erie train 7, for Mt. Clem-

ents, Mich., to undergo a course of treatment for rheumatism. He will be absent about one month.

Mr. J. Oldroyd will start on train 5, this evening, on a business trip to Chicago.

A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

The wedding of Miss Maud E. Blanchard and Edward C. Crowell at Grace Church, to-night.

The wedding of Miss Maud E. Blanchard and Mr. Edward C. Crowell, of New York city, which will take place at Grace Church, at 6 o'clock, to-night, will be a very brilliant affair.

A large number of invitations have been issued and only those who have received cards will be admitted to the church. A reception will follow the ceremony, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunt, on Cortland street.

It will be a yellow and white wedding. The bridesmaids' dresses will be of white muslin de soie, trimmed with yellow ribbon and that of the maid of honor will be of yellow silk trimmed with Duchesse lace.

The bridesmaids will be Misses Adele Near, of Poughkeepsie; Marie Cordon, Reatties Myers, Ada M. Beakes and Blanche O'Neill, of this city. The maid of honor will be Miss Edith Blanchard, sister of the bride.

The ushers will be Messrs. Alfred Webber and Clifford Hunt, of New York; Murray Beakes and Russell Wiggins, of this city.

The best man will be Dr. Walter C. Gilday, of New York.

Among the guests present from out of town who will be present will be the following.

Mr. L. L. Todd, proprietor of the Hotel Marlborough, and wife, Mr. W. W. Belvin, Dr. W. C. Gilday, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanford Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Crawford, Mr. Alfred Weller, Mr. Clifford Hunt, Mr. Joseph Mengo, Mr. Harry Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crowell, father and mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sesley, Mrs. Jane Overington, Mr. J. McClatchey, Mr. Frank Ludwig, Mr. A. W. Forbes, Mr. David J. Power, Mr. John Cave, Mr. Livingston Keyes, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dicks Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Donells, of Westfield, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Near and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Clark, of Poughkeepsie; Mr. John D. and Miss Nellie Mairs, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Olney, of Brooklyn; Mr. Danforth Olney, of Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. Geo. Kelly, Miss Annie Biggin, of Newark; Mrs. S. A. Biggin, of Philadelphia; Miss Letia Mitchell, of Port Jervis.

OBITUARY.

Edwin F. Skidmore.

A United Press dispatch announces the death, this morning, in Newburgh, of Edwin T. Skidmore, president of the city's Board of Trade, and for many years prominently identified with its business interests.

The deceased was the father of T. H. Skidmore, Jr., of this city.

NOTABLE'S LATEST STATE.

The latest slate for McQoid's annual election is as follows. For president, F. J. Nearn; vice-president, Thomas Farrell; foreman, J. J. Nolan; first assistant, James Short; second assistant, J. S. Farrell.

A surprise party.

Misses Mamie and Edith Case were given a surprise at the residence of their uncle, Mr. B. F. Green, in the town of Greenville, last night. About fifty couples from Greenville, South Centreville and State Hill marched in upon them unbidden and unannounced. The time was pleasantly spent in various social amusements until about 10 o'clock, this morning.

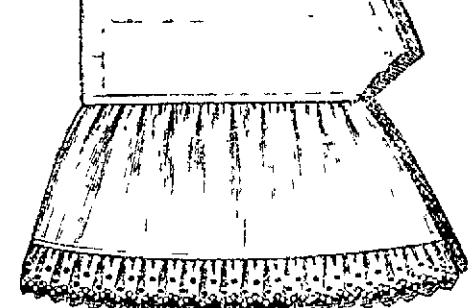
Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly a remarkable preparation and nothing like it has ever been produced. No matter how wiry and unmanageable the hair may be, under the influence of this incomparable dressing, it becomes soft, silky and pliable to the comb and brush.

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Fancher's
1 W. Main St., Middletown, N. Y.

to \$52,038. The lines of the building remain unchanged and the steel frame is retained, the reductions effected being in the details of exterior and interior finish.

A very large saving will be effected by substituting fancy brick and terra cotta of standard designs for the special designs of terra cotta called for by the plans. The lowest bid received by Mr. McWilliams for the terra cotta work was \$6,800.

In the interior, savings can be effected by leaving part of the cellar unenclosed and its ceiling unplastered; dispensing with some of the wainscoting; substituting pine for oak doors and leaving out some of the fixtures and fittings of the chemical laboratory. Other modifications of the interior work are also being considered.

It may be necessary to make other changes in the exterior finish, such as substituting a cheaper grade of brick for the Croton brick called for in the specifications and sandstone or bluestone for granite trimmings. It is also expected that the cost of the plumbing and steam heating can be materially reduced.

Middletown people will all be glad that the building is to be erected by a Middletown man, who will, of course, employ Middletown mechanics in preference to all others.

Mr. McWilliams has not made arrangements with any mason to do the mason work for him but expects to buy the materials and carry on that part of the work under his own supervision and direction.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

A Sick Teacher—The Second Degree Cottage Prayer Meetings—Gone to Orange Farm—Rode over 3,000 miles—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

Miss Sarah W. Houston, who has charge of the primary department in the Goshen public school, is confined to her home, at Flordale, by a severe bronchial cold. Miss Alice F. White has taken Miss Houston's place.

Clark & May are building a large addition to their Greenwich street market.

Three candidates received the second degree at last night's meeting of Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The cottage meetings will be held, this evening, at Mrs. Wright's, on Church street, and Mr. Morgan's, on Main street.

William Harris, for many years employed at Fletcher's meat market, and for some time crippled by an affection of the foot and leg, has gone to Orange Farm for surgical treatment.

The bids received were as follows:

A. W. Burritt & Co., Bridgeport, Conn. \$8,978

Darling Bros., Worcester, Mass. 82,100

Mapes-Reeve Construction Co., New York 69,835

Hopkins & Roberts, New York city 69,800

L. V. Sinsabaugh & Co., Midland, 69,055

E. McWilliams, Middletown, 64,050

Robert Lemon, Middletown, mason work and material only 42,779

In Mr. McWilliams' bid an allowance of \$700 is made for the material in the old building, which brings his figure down to \$63,399.

The bid of the A. W. Burritt Co. was not accompanied by the check

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Cleans the Bowels and Purify the Blood.
Cure Diarrhea, Dysentery and Dyspepsia.
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The Banana Eaters of Kentucky.

One of the most novel and interesting
events in sporting circles which has occurred
in the city for some time was the banana
eating contest between two prominent
young men of the city, Messrs.
Garrett Welsh and John Luby, which took
place in the fruit stand of Mr. Fugazi,
on Main street, last night. The contest
was the outgrowth of some remarks made
some time previous on the capacity of the
contestants. Each had friends present
who were backing them clear off of the
boards. The summary is as follows: At
the drop of the hat Start Dan Crowe sent
them off to a good start with Welsh a
half banana in the lead. He led Luby to
the quarter, where he was overtaken. At
the half Luby had 38 bananas to his credit,
with Welsh a close second with 36. Here
Welsh went out after the money, and at
the three-quarters was Welsh by 8 bananas.
Turning to the stretch, Luby's jockey,
McGurk, went for another stalk of bananas
and succeeded in nosing out
Welsh in fast time. Time: Luby, 61 bananas;
Welsh, 61 bananas. Both ran a
consistent race, and with a better jockey
than McGurk, Welsh should have won.
Both were sent to the stable to rest up.
They are entered for another stake race
next week, and the betting on the event
promises to be spirited.—Lexington Herald.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

For the information of our readers
we publish below a complete list of
the numbers and locations of all the
fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Walsham, Cor. Prince & W. R. R.
15—North street and Broadway, barbershop.
16—North street and Winter Ave., tire shop.
17—Railroad Ave. and Prince street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
19—West Main street, corner West street.
20—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
21—James and Henry streets.
22—Nor. and John streets, Erie crossing.
23—Nor. and West street.
24—W. Main street, corner Montague avenue.
25—Prospect street and Hurlburt avenue.
26—Fulton and Hill streets bat shops.
27—Highland and Broadway streets.
28—Walnut and Court streets.
29—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
30—Fulton and East Avenue.
31—Fulton and Academy street.
32—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
33—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
34—Franklin square.

35—Fairview avenue and South street.
36—Corner East Main street and Prospect
avenue.

37—North street, near Orchard.

38—Leave a box number, denotes that

it is being made.

1 stroke denotes circuit broken.

2-3 strokes of bell denotes Cheif's call.

3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.

4 strokes of bell do not recall, fire is out

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Du Maurier has made Paris' studios familiar to every one. But not until the appearance of Mrs. E. Burke Collins' story of "A Gilded God" did novel readers dream of the wealth of material ready for some gifted novelist's pen in the brilliant artist life of our own New Orleans.

In a recent interview by a New Orleans paper she said: "Of course, to a certain extent my characters are drawn from life, though never exact portraits. My favorite heroine is Mam'selle in my story of a 'Modern Heather.' No, I rarely urge aspirants to take up a literary career.

Success is obtained only at the price of the most exhaustive labor."



Although Mrs. Collins' writing has always been a labor of love, yet such incessant mental exertion could not fail to have its effect on her nervous system.

At one time she found herself tired out and weak from her uninterrupted work; she became nervous and incapable of work; she even saw nervous prostration staring her in the face. The general toiling up that her system needed so badly she found in Paine's celery compound. To-day she is perfectly well and strong again, busy as ever with her brain and pen, and grateful to Paine's celery compound for the timely help when failure and trouble and despair seemed about to close round her and shut her off from everything that was dear.

"Your constant brain work must tell on your strength," observed the reporter. "Yes, you have no idea how much. I am at my desk for nine or ten hours a day," she replied, "I am careful to obey the laws of health, and I am never without a supply of Paine's celery compound.

The Pioneer Band—Election of Officers
The Pioneer Band held a meeting last night, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

THAT FALL ELECTION SCHEME.
What the Press and Times Had to Say
Last Year.

When the hearing before the Mayor and Council upon the proposition to abolish spring elections was held, last year, representatives of all the newspapers were present and published reports the following day, Jan. 22d, with comments.

This is what the *Press* said editorially on that date:

"The meeting of the Common Council, last evening, virtually decided the question that Middletown will continue to hold spring elections. Those who thought well of the change had no personal interest in the matter, and when opposition seemed let the whole thing drop."

This is what the *Times* had to say on the same date:

"Mayor Stansbury, during the argument against the proposition, had been an attentive listener with each speaker, and he evidently expected at least one to agree with his idea, but none did. All hope in this direction seemed to die within him when he heard his old friend, ex-Mayor Bailey, whom he had evidently heard express himself for the position, now speak against it. He now believes there were too many questions involved."

The *Press* reports Mayor Stansbury as saying at the hearing:

"The arguments seem to be all one-sided, and the Board is to be congratulated on having so full an expression of these gentlemen."

The matter of divorcing the question is without argument.

"We have been glad to hear the sound, good arguments advanced here."

DOINGS OF THE 24TH.

New Billiard Tables to Be Bought—
Armory Badges Presented.

A special meeting of the 21st Separate Company was held last evening after the drill, to take action upon the report of the Billiard Table Committee. The company voted to purchase new tables, and the committee was authorized to purchase them at once.

The third section will occupy the rifle range Thursday evening.

Privates J. E. Decker, E. H. Rose and C. T. Dickerson were presented with the armory badges, last night. The latter having won the marksmen's badge three times becomes its owner.

Found Their Long Lost Son.

An Ellenville newspaper man sends to the New York papers a touching tale of a mother's recognition of a long lost son. The scene is laid in the wilds of Shandaken, and though tramps seldom penetrate to that remote section a ragged tramp is made to knock at the door of a house just as night is falling. He asks for food and it is given him, and as he is eating the woman of the house says: "My God, is this Frank Sellen, our long lost son," and the quick-witted tramp answers, "I am Frank Sellen." Tears, embraces and the fatted calf round out the story.

The Pioneer Band—Election of Officers

The Pioneer Band held a meeting last night, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President—George Warner.

Treasurer—Milton Jarvis.

Secretary—George Sharpe.

Leader—George Hallock.

The band is in a flourishing condition and practices faithfully. The members promise to give fine music next summer.

Population of the State Hospital.

According to the Conglomerate there were, Tuesday, 1,128 patients in the State Hospital for the Insane, in this city, of whom 563 were males and 565 females. During the week six patients were admitted and four discharged.

New Members of the Thalia Club.

Mr. A. E. Nickinson, a new member, has been elected stage manager of the State Hospital Thalia Club. Dr. A. P. Powelson has also been elected a member of the club.

Susquehanna and Western Earnings.

New York, Susquehanna and Western earned gross for December, \$165,696, an increase of \$2,122 and net \$89,393, an increase of \$14,577. From July 1st gross earnings were \$1,183,425, an increase of \$115,160 and net \$612,035, an increase of \$153,387.

New Creamery for Greycourt.

A creamery is soon to be erected at Greycourt by Charles Roe and T. S. Durland. It is expected that 200 cans of milk can be had to start with and that the number will soon be increased.

My Uncle From New York.

The best and jolliest comedy ever staged by the enterprising Manager Sam T. Jack, "My Uncle from New York," a bright and spicy burletta, with an entertaining plot, with a rich vein of pungent wit running through it, introducing many pleasing specialty features, will be the attraction at the Casino, Friday evening.

Hood's Pills and of Appetite.
PORT JERVIS, N. Y. Dec. 30, 1895.—My husband has taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for dyspepsia and found it to be an excellent remedy. I have taken it for headache and loss of appetite and have found it a good medicine. A great deal of Hood's Sarsaparilla is used in this town.

Mrs. J. E. TAYLOR.

Hood's Pills cure biliousness, indigestion.

Mr. Miles' Nerve Plasters for Rheumatism.

THE Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Entertained—Refreshments Served by Young Men—The Programme.

A very unique reception was that given by the members of the Young Men's Christian Association to the Ladies' Auxiliary, last evening. It was a success in every respect and was heartily enjoyed by all,—at least so say the ladies.

Not a lady was allowed in the kitchen. Praise was heard on all sides for the quality of the refreshments and the manner of serving them, which was done in a rapid and systematic way by twenty of the young men who wore white muslin tam o' shanter, white aprons and coconuts. A towel was thrown over the shoulder of each.

After their duties were completed they all marched out in a body and sang two hymns, closing with "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and then gave three cheers for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The programme was as follows:

Violin solo—Miss Lott, Miss Wells and Miss Muller.

Recitation—The "Song of the Cross" by Miss H. Rice.

Duet—Piano and cornet—Misses Lillian E. Barnes and Mr. Alfred Upstrove.

Recitation—"The Whistling Regiment" by Miss Martha Minot.

Duet—Autoharp and banjo—Handie A. and Clarence Huise.

Duet—Violin and guitar—Miss Maud Sharp and Mr. James Peigle.

Duet—Mandolin—Miss Maud Sharp and Mr. James Peigle.

Miss Maud Sharp and Mr. James Peigle.

Duet—"Ben Bolt" by Miss Hattie Huise and Miss Minnie E. Beattie.

Recitation—"My First Violin Lesson" by Miss Martha Minot.

Duet—Autoharp and banjo—Handie A. and Clarence Huise.

Mandolin—Duet—"Good night but not good bye" by Miss Maud Sharp and Mr. James Peigle.

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